

**DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD  
DISTRICT I**

April 3, 2000

7:00 p.m.

Atwater Community Center, 2755 E. 19<sup>th</sup>

**Members Present**

Vice-Mayor Rogers  
Carl Brewer  
Patrice Dolenz  
David Franks  
Carrie Jones  
Edith Knox\*  
Lori Lawrence\*  
Debby Moore  
Sharon Myers  
Steve Roberts\*  
Marcia Traylor  
Lois Tully-Gerber  
Billy Wilson  
Dee Wilson  
Ken Woodard\*

**Members Absent**

Rev. Lincoln Montgomery\*  
Willard Walker\*

**Guest List**

James Barfield, 2131 N Edgemoor  
Willie Burton, 2356 N Poplar  
Paul Gunzelman, Traffic Department  
Officer Kevin Lee, 3015 East 21<sup>st</sup> Street  
Dr. Hulon Turner, 2010 East 21<sup>st</sup> Street

\*Denotes District Advisory Board Alternates

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

-- **Call to Order**

At 7:05 p.m., Vice-Mayor Rogers called the meeting to order.

-- **Approval of Minutes**

The March 6, 2000 District I, District Advisory Board meeting minutes were approved unanimously (7-0). Motion made by *Debby Moore (Carl Brewer)*

-- **Approval of Agenda**

### **Unfinished Business**

#### 1. Recommendations on Reconstruction of I-135, 17<sup>th</sup> to 37<sup>th</sup> Street

The District Advisory Board met with representatives of the Professional Engineering Consultants (PEC) and the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) regarding reconstruction of I-135, 17<sup>th</sup> Street to 37<sup>th</sup> Street at the March 6, 2000, meeting. The construction will impact 21<sup>st</sup> Street with possible street closure. Vice Mayor Rogers request District Advisory Board members provide feedback from citizens on the issue.

Vice Mayor listened to comments from the District Advisory Board regarding which Alternative would be least likely to interfere with the businesses on 21<sup>st</sup> Street.

Board Member Comments were: 1) Traffic is usually on/off ramp, therefore, the priority is getting ramps open – Alternative I; 2) Businesses should not suffer – Alternative I; 3)) Re-route traffic via Grove, Hydraulic, and 13<sup>th</sup> Streets, but question will they handle increased traffic; 4) WSU traffic may choose to exit K96 at Hillside. May need a traffic light at 27<sup>th</sup> and Hillside due to nearby schools, children, etc.; and 5) City would need to provide signage for businesses.

Public Comments came from business owners James Barfield, 2131 N Edgemoor and Dr. Hulon Turner, 2010 East 21<sup>st</sup> Street. Concerns expressed included: 1) Not all traffic will be entering or exiting off of 21<sup>st</sup> Street; 2) Closing 21<sup>st</sup> Street for nine months will be detrimental to businesses on 21<sup>st</sup> Street; 3) Business owners need to be more informed. They are unsure of exactly what is going on; 4) People were not notified and had to find out by reading the paper; 5) Would like to have a meeting with the State Officials in charge of the project so questions regarding the project may be addressed; 6) Business are fleeing from the 21<sup>st</sup> Street area.

Vice Mayor Rogers and Board Members commented that the I 135 project is not a City initiative, but the State. The public was notified about the project shortly after the Board was notified.

Vice Mayor Rogers was open to hosting another meeting where the Department of Public Works would come out to answer questions 21<sup>st</sup> Street business owners had regarding the I 135 project.

### **New Business**

#### **2. Traffic Light at the Intersection of Woodlawn and Mainsgate**

The residents and businesses in the surrounding areas of Woodlawn and Mainsgate are requesting a traffic light for the intersection.

Paul Gunzelman, Traffic Engineer for the City of Wichita, presented information regarding the intersection: 1) Sent out Request for Design – currently under design; 2) Intersection improvements scheduled in CIP for 2001; 3) Currently under review to speed up improvements providing contractor is on board by September 2000; 4) May be possible to have light installed by Jan 2001; 4) Currently Woodlawn north and south bound lanes account for most accidents at that intersection – necessitating left turn bays on to Mainsgate, which are included in the CIP.

Board Member Sharon Myers submitted petition from homeowners associations and businesses supporting the urgency of the intersection improvements.

### **Council Agenda**

#### **3. Subcommittees Selections**

Vice-Mayor Rogers suggested that Standing Committee suggestions be made in order to handle and or research issues that may come before the District Advisory Board (i.e. housing issues, zoning issues, traffic issues) and make the appropriate recommendations. Vice-Mayor Rogers would like to see the following committees formed 1) Planning, 2) Economic Development, 3) Traffic, 4) Housing.

Vice Mayor Rogers stressed the importance of the Planning Committee making recommendation to the MAPC prior to the MAPC meetings. Committee Chairpersons should make a conscious effort to have a broad base of citizen representation from District I. Debby Moore suggested that Lois Tully-Gerber serve as a Chairperson for the District I Planning Subcommittee. David Franks also expressed interest in serving on the Planning Committee.

Carrie Jones clarified that the subcommittee would be responsible for going into the community to recruit District I citizens to serve on the District I Planning Subcommittee.

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Economic Development Committee recommendations: Carrie Jones, Marcia Traylor, Steve Roberts, Sharon Myers, Edith Knox, and Debby Moore

Traffic Committee: Ken Woodard, Billy Wilson, Kenneth Hemmen, Lori Lawrence

Housing Committee: Dee Wright

A motion was made by *Marcia Traylor (Lois Tully-Gerber)* to adopt 1) Planning, 2) Economic Development, 3) Traffic, 4) Housing as standing committees for District I.

Adjourn

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Submitted by,  
Heidi Farmer-Drew